GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3969
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ALLOCATION FOR DOORDARSHAN KENDRA, SRINAGAR J & K
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the budget allocation for Doordarshan Kendra, Srinagar, for the current financial year;

(b) whether the same has been disbursed;

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay;

(d) whether the outlay has been reduced as compared to the last year amount;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government are aware of the need for augmenting for Srinagar Kendra`s budget to enhance the anti-insurgency content of the Srinagar Kendra by involving the local talent to counter shrill of anti-India Pakistan media propaganda;
(g) if so, the steps taken in this regard;
(h) whether in the current fiscal year Doordarshan Kendra, Srinagar, is yet to effect long due payments of the private producers, artists and other regional creative elements associated with it inspite of the militant risk to their lives in contributing to the nationalist content of the production; and
(i) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): Prasar Bharati has informed that the budget allocation for DDK, Srinagar is Rs. 1232.00 lakhs under Non-Plan and Rs. 166.00 lakhs under Plan for the current financial year.

(b) & (c): An amount of Rs. 446.25 lakhs under Non-Plan and full amount of Rs. 166.00 lakhs under Plan has been released till August, 2001. Release of funds to different Kendras is done on instalment basis.

(d) & (e) :Yes, Sir. Reduction in allocation is due to the fact that commissioning for programmes for DD (Kashir) is also being done by Doordarshan Headquarters, by utilizing funds through DDK, Delhi as well as DDK, Srinagar.

(f) & (g) : A considerable portion of the budget from J&K Special Software Scheme is spent under royalty and in-house production of programmes at DDK, Srinagar.

(h) : Payments to producers is a continuous process and effected on the verification of records, completion of formalities and availability of funds from time to time.

(i) : Does not arise.